

## Message Text

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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OEXC, PINT, SF  
SUBJECT: IV NOMINEE DON MATTERA ACQUITTED

IV NOMINEE DON MATTERA WAS ACQUITTED OF ALL FIVE CHARGES  
OF CONTRAVENING HIS BANNING ORDER DURING TRIAL JUNE 5.  
TRIAL HAD BEEN POSTPONED FROM EARLIER THIS YEAR WHEN  
PROSECUTION FAILED TO PRODUCE 13 WITNESSES AGAINST  
MATTERA (FIVE LEFT THE COUNTRY, OTHER EIGHT REFUSED TO  
TESTIFY). GOVERNMENT ORDERED 8 WITNESSES TO TESTIFY  
OR FACE PROSECUTION THEMSELVES, BUT GOVT DIDN'T COME OFF  
TOO WELL SECOND TRY EITHER. AS TOLD BY MATTERA,  
(WHO TELLS A GOOD STORY) TRIAL SCENE COULD HAVE BEEN  
WRITTEN FOR LAUREL AND HAJDY. PROSECUTION DID NOT HAVE  
ITS ACT TOGETHER, CALLING WITNESSES FOR COUNT ONE, WHEN  
THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN CALLED FOR COUNT THREE. WHICH  
DIDN'T MATTER ANYWAY, SINCE ALL EIGHT WITNESSES  
SUDDENLY DEVELOPED LOSS OF MEMORY AND MENTAL  
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DISABILITIES TO THE POINT WHERE THESEXASPERATED  
JUDGE ACCUSED THEM ALL OF BEING DELIBERATELY OBTUSE.  
THE PROSECUTOR DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER SUMMING UP,  
AND THE JUDGE CASTIGATED HIM FOR WASTING THE COURT'S  
TIME.

MATTERA STILL VERY UNLIKELY TO GET PASSPORT. HE NOW

THINKS MOTIVE FOR COURT CHARADE WAS TO GIVE  
GOVT AMPLE REASON FOR IMPOSING SECOND FIVE YEAR  
BANNING ORDER (FIRST EXPIRES IN AUGUST).

DEPT MAY WISH TO INFORM ARTHUR ASHE, FRIEND OF  
MATTERA'S WHO KNEW ABOUT CHARGES.  
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